

**The claims defining the invention are as follows:**

1. A lifting lever for a cistern flush valve, the lever including:  
a first end adapted for operative engagement with the cistern flush valve;  
a second end adapted for operative engagement with a flush actuation button;  
5 and  
a pivot mounting between the first and second ends,  
wherein the second end has first and second engagement regions which are  
respectively closer and farther to the pivot mounting such that initial movement of the  
button causes it to engage the second engagement region and pivot the lever through a  
10 first predetermined range of movement whereafter further movement of the button in the  
same direction causes it to engage the first engagement region and further pivot the lever.
2. The lever as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second  
engagement regions are in the form of first and second external corners on the lever  
second end.
- 15 3. The lever as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first and second corners  
have a straight joining surface therebetween.
4. The lever as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein the pivot mounting is  
adapted to mount the lever to a bridge forming part of, or connected to, a cistern.
5. The lever as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the  
20 lever is formed from a first and a second part.
6. The lever as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first and second parts  
include the first and second ends respectively.
7. The lever as claimed in claim 5 or 6, wherein the first and second parts  
are fixed together adjacent the pivot mounting.
- 25 8. The lever as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the  
button is constrained to travel along a straight path that is parallel to the tangent of the  
path of motion of the first and second engagement regions.
9. A lifting lever for a cistern flush valve, the lever substantially as  
hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.